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SUBJECT: THAI SGU' S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

REF: A. STATE 123342 B. BANGKOK 0434 C. VIENTIANE 1913

1. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN USG AND RTG ON DISPOSITION OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT IN THAI SGU PROGRAM, WE CAN ANTICIPATE

THAT THE RTG WILL REQUEST THAT ALL MATERIAL IN HANDS OF VOLUNTEERS BE RETAINED BY RTG (AS IT DID IN CASE OF THAI FORCES WHICH SERVED

IN KOREA AND VIETNAM). IF NEED SHOULD ARISE TO REINTRODUCE THAI SGU' S INTO LAOS, THEIR REDEPLOYMENT WOULD BE GREATLY FACILITATED IF THEY ALREADY HAD THEIR REQUIRED WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT.

2. NONETHELESS, VIENTIANE' S POINT THAT THE REMOVAL OF SGU 105 MM ARTILLERY WILL IMPAIR MR II' S OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY (REF C, PARA 6) APPEARS MORE CRITICAL AT THIS TIME THAN GIVING THESE ASSETS TO THE RTG EVEN THOUGH THE RTG IS PLANNING TO EXPAND THEIR 105 MM ARTILLERY STRENGTH IN THE FUTURE. THEREFORE, WE DEFER TO VIENTIANE ON THE TWELVE 105' S.

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